

# DAILY HERALD.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 28.

The attention of our country exchanges is called to the Prospectus of the INDIANAPOLIS DAILY HERALD in another place. Those who have already published it are of course entitled to an exchange. To those who have not yet done so, we call your attention to the subject by inserting this prospectus three times and calling attention to it editorially.

**The Special Session—Retirement.**  
No purpose for which the Special Session was called has yet been announced. It is costing the State at the rate of about eighty thousand dollars for the session. A year from this winter the Legislature meets in course. The public debt not being due the session was not, of course, called to saddle the people with an increase of interest on that. But there is a course of action, a set of measures, by which more than the cost of the extra session might be repaid to the state, shall those measures be adopted.

In the spring of 1861, when the Republicans, by a long continued breach of constitutional faith with the South, had involved the nation in a sectional civil war, the whole North was compelled to come forward to extinguish it. The Governor called an extra session of the Legislature, which created and filled new offices, laid additional taxes, made additional and monstrous appropriations; in short, put the State upon an extravagant war footing, and, by subsequent legislation, that war footing was kept up, and appropriations made to keep it up for the year 1860.

For example, a tax was levied for the support of soldiers' families.

A militia bill was passed which General TECUMSEH will sign. General because the law giving him the power of a general was good for nothing, though to prevent its amendment the Republican Legislature ran off to Madison and enabled the Governor to overthrow the constitutional Government of the State and a tax from seventy-five thousand to one hundred thousand a year levied to supply funds—paymasters, etc., were created (we believe FISHERS and others still draw pay).

Appropriations were made for 1860 in order to furnish a Republican fund for the purpose of carrying the elections of that year, after this fashion:

For discharging the Governor's \$5,000  
for his hire for the Governor, 5,000  
For civil contingencies for the Governor, 12,000  
For miscellaneous expenses, 10,000

The Adjutant General has about the same sum.

Then there are for the military fund,

for the legions, etc., \$200,000

For the State Quartermaster's Department, 5,000

These are samples of the appropriations for 1860.

**The Workingmen.**

We have received the following communication from one of the leading communists of law, except that for the support of soldiers' families, of which we now say nothing, and sharper the school tax, which we may speak of hereafter, why are they to be kept on the Statute book? Are the offices and officers to be kept up on a war footing now that the war has been over a half year already? Will not our Democratic friends in the Legislature show their devotion to the interests of the laboring men who have to pay the taxes, by preserving a number of those wasteful acts? The hope of the people is now in the Democracy. The Republicans have expanded. The Democracy is 99% safe.

The people of this state are deeply in debt. Multitudes of farms have been mortgaged to raise money to hire substitutes for the draft. These mortgages must be maturing. Then there are, we are told, about ten millions of municipal indebtedness for war purposes, which the legislature has required to be paid in four years. The fact, also, is never to be forgotten that the rich bondholders are exempt by a Republican law of Congress from taxation, so that the poor men have the State, city, and county to pay for all these expenses. We can not have a revenue in view of all these things, and will not the man about the State House, will not the Governor let go the clutch on the people's money? A. G. BARKER is an adept at messages, will he not send one on this subject to the Legislature? We presume that it has been a pure oversight that he has not already done it. Let us have economy. Let the Legislature do something to save the people the \$800,000 extra cost of this, so far bootless session of our wise law makers.

**Negro Testimony.**

We have no hostility to the negro simply because he is a negro. We would not causelessly wantonly harm a hair of his head, or rather, we should say, to speak accurately, a lock of his wool. But he is of a race inferior, and antagonistic in feeling, to the white race. He never was and never should be, from prudential considerations affecting the interests of both races and the welfare of this Republic, a partner with the white race in this government. We should be most zealous to protect his existence, to be sure, but should be equally zealous in his personal and property rights as well as in vindicating foreigners, infants, women, etc.

Whether he should be compelled or allowed to testify in the courts of the country, administered, as they forever should be, by whites, is more of a juridical than a political question. We advocated, in the *Jeffersonian*, more than twenty years ago, the making of him a witness. Our opinion, as an individual is unchanged; it is our deliberate opinion that he should be made a witness. During the existence of our State, the Republicans have held the power for more than half the time. Within the period of our State's existence, they have had for Governors, NOLTE, WALLACE, BIGGER, WRIGHT, DUNNING, LANE and MORTON, but they have never enacted a law making negroes witnesses. Whether they will have the pluck to come up to the scratch, and do it now, or not, remains to be seen. They will not do it, if they apprehend it will hazard their chances of a popular vote; for the hope of votes, not any honest sense of right or justice, influences all their actions.

Whether the Democratic members of the Legislature may agree with us on this single judicial question or not, we can not tell. It is a question on which every man should form his opinion, according to his best judgment, and then upon it. If the Democrats should decide with us to drop the question, that fact will not alter our opinion, but will it even suppose that when, under the corrupt, partial, profligate legislation and administration of the Republican party, the liberties of all the masses of our people are put in fearful jeopardy, we are going to stop in our struggle for them to quarrel with our friends on the comparatively insignificant judicial question of whether a negro should be a witness or not? If he does, he makes us. If this shall satisfy the *Journal*, well. It does not, equally, well.

**Plagues—Commerce.**

It would seem that all plagues originate in the East; the cattle plague, now more than decimating the live stock of England, is believed to have traveled from the East, through Russia to that island. The cholera, last human plague that descended upon us in its march, we trace back to the same local origin. The plague of political abolition originated on the Eastern continent, and was transported by the Thompsons and others to this country, where, in connection with the plot of Black Republican fanatics, which originated in the Eastern part of the Union, it has devastated white men and negroes in its bloody march. The cholera, last human plague, originated in the same place, brought also these curse to our homes. Man originated in the East, and the Devil first started from there on his robbing tour.

Physical, moral, social and political plagues come from the East.

The Portland *Advertiser* understands that a memorial to Congress is to be introduced in that State, to be signed first by all the soldiers who served during 1861 and 1862, in the name of the State, and that it will be in favor of praying Congress to pass a law this winter giving every soldier before the rank of Major-General, and every soldier serving in the army, issue of payment to the public lands, which shall go toward equalizing the large bounties of 1861 and 1862.

The total issued value of property in Wis-

consin is \$157,410,000; and the state tax levied for this year is \$601,371.

**Hon. D. W. Voorhees.**

With great pleasure we read the following in the *Terre Haute Journal*. The shining talents, and sterling patriotism of Mr. VOORHEES make him a prominent mark for the Republicans to shoot at; but note well, they'll not kill him. Time will show. Be patient.

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**PERSONALITIES IN INDIANA.**—The Julian makes our notice of the *Cincinnati Commercial*, supposed to be in the interest of the Morton faction, thus refers to the pleasant feeling existing between the Mortons and Halloways of old days. The paper, and the Journal of old days, the Indians seem to have the middle track in the Burnt District," and this in some measure, gives the grief of the HOLLOWAYS and MONTOX, who have some claims in Wayne county, the home of office-loving patriots!

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